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Sir:

This is in response to the final rejection mailed September 26, 2002 for the above-captioned application. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims in view of the remarks herein are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application.

Claim 1 is an independent claims directed to method for assignment of base numbers to peaks within one or more experimental DNA sequencing data traces derived from the separation of experimental DNA sequencing fragments. In this method, one performs an analysis on reference data traces for a polynucleotide having a known sequence. The observed peaks in this reference data trace are used to define a corrected time scale which tells the user where peaks should occur under the experimental conditions of the separation. One then uses this time scale as a guide to know where to look in an experimental data trace for peaks, and assigns a base number to each peak found in the experimental DNA sequencing data trace(s) based upon the corrected time scale.

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